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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In most cases, the exceptional cases are cases of only favourites which gives room to partiality. I hope, Sir, the Government will see that such a thing does not happen in future."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I thought we should respect the wishes and the recommendations of the High Court because they are the Judges and they are supposed to act in a very judicial manner."

Implementation of the award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal by the Gordon Press, Madras.

* 961 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the Government did not take steps to get the award given by the Labour Appellate Tribunal on 22nd May 1953 and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* on June 24, 1953, implemented by the Gordon Press, Madras-2, regarding the payment of compensation to a retrenched worker?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The worker died and the question of payment to his heirs is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, according to the Labour Appellate Tribunal Act, is it not mandatory on the part of the management to implement the award within one month and why has it not been implemented by this State Government after one month? Why should the Government wait till the worker dies?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, in September 1953 the Madras Press Labour Union requested the Government to implement the award of the Tribunal. The Commissioner of Labour reported that Natesa Mudaliar died in 1953, but that his wife was alive and that the Union wanted the compensation to be paid to the heir, the wife of the deceased, and the management agreed to pay the compensation to her. But they did not pay and so, a ' show cause notice ' was issued and they did not reply. The Commissioner of Labour has reported that he is asking the Labour Officer to obtain an application from the widow. The other question whether the Management is bound to pay compensation to the heirs and if they do not pay, whether a prosecution can be launched against the Management is under examination."

Co-operative Societies in the City.

* 962 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies in the City of Madras and the various kinds of societies and their liabilities;